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MANUFACTURING APPARATUS

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Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 4, lines 20-26, delete current paragraph and insert therefor:

B1  
The invention of the first aspect is a semiconductor manufacturing method including a  
step of detecting the position of the orientation flat or notch of a substrate and aligning to a  
specific position, wherein a substrate transfer unit that transfers substrates to a processing  
chamber or processing jig is used for the orientation flat or notch alignment of the substrates.

Page 5, lines 6-10, delete current paragraph and insert therefor:

B2  
The invention of the second aspect is the semiconductor manufacturing method  
according to the invention of the first aspect, wherein the orientation flat or notch alignment  
of the substrates is performed in a transfer chamber in which the substrate transfer unit is  
installed.

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